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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 459 FOX Family Papers, 1918-1986

1 box. 6 folders. 238 items. 1918-1986. Originals, typescripts and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Arthur Smith Fox was born on 19 April 1920 to W. S. and Agnes (Smith) Fox in Paradise, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. He graduated from Drakesboro High School in Muhlenberg County and then matriculated at Western Kentucky State Teachers College, where he earned a Bachelors degree in 1947. His education was interrupted by military service in the U.S. Army during World War II. While at Western, Fox participated in R.O.T.C. classes and after graduation was commissioned as a second lieutenant. After Fox's active service, he remained in the Army Reserves. He officially retired from military service as a major in 1980. Fox was a vocational agriculture teacher in the Hopkins County, Kentucky schools, lastly at North Hopkins High School. He married Mildred Juanita Kerr on 16 October 1943; the couple had two children: William Woodrow Fox and Juanita Kaye Fox. Arthur S. Fox died on 26 February 1997 and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville, Kentucky.

Mildred Juanita Kerr Fox was born on 4 November 1923, the daughter of William Bugg Kerr and Maggie Mae (Hope) Kerr in Bowling Green, Kentucky. She graduated from College High in 1940. She then matriculated at Western Kentucky State Teachers College and received a Bachelors degree in 1944, and later a Masters degree in 1974. She taught mathematics in the Hopkins County, Kentucky schools.

COLLECTION NOTE

This small collection consists almost exclusively of papers documenting Arthur Smith Fox's military career (Folders 4-6). At the back of Folder 6 there are two undated manuscript chapters containing a narrative about Fox's military career. Folder 2 contains three items of correspondence including a letter written to Mae Hope, Tompkinsville, Kentucky, from her perspective husband William Bugg Kerr, France, while serving in the military during World War I. Folder 2 also contains a letter from Mr. Kerr to his daughter Mildred in which he explains about he and his wife's circumstances as a students at Western at the time of Mildred's birth.

Folder 3 contains a brief biography of William Bugg Kerr and a philosophical paper (17p.) about his understanding of life titled "The High Road." The folder also contains some brief genealogical information about the following families: Bowman, Caffelt, and Hope.

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Folder 6	Arthur S. Fox – Military Papers	1963-1986	69 items

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Chiefly military personnel records of Arthur Smith Fox, Hopkins County, Kentucky. Also includes information related to Mr. Fox's father-in-law, William Bugg Kerr, and brief genealogical information about the Bowman Coffelt, and Hope families.

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See:

Fox, Mildred Juanita (Kerr), b. 1923

Kerr, Maggie Mae (Hope), 1900-1972

See also:

Hope, Maggie Mae, 1900-1972

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